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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE

In response to the Final Office Action, mailed January 23, 2003 ("Final Office Action") and the Advisory Action, mailed May 6, 2003 ("Advisory Action"), and in furtherance of Applicants' Request for Interference, mailed April 22, 2002, Applicants submit this Request for Continued Examination to allow the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims, in view of the following amendments and comments. Applicants also reiterate the previous request for the Examiner to declare an Interference between the present application and: (i) United States Patent No. 6,332,128B1, to Nicholson ("128 Patent"); and (ii) United States Patent Application 20020040321, to Nicholson ("321 Application"). For the purposes of this Request for Continued Examination, all references to the '128 Patent shall include the '321 Application, where appropriate, unless otherwise indicated.